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A RESOLUTION to establish a special joint committee to study the liability and compensation resulting from the pursuit of certain persons by law enforcement officials.

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced to limit the liability of law enforcement officers and their employers for injuries suffered by a third party where such injuries are proximately caused by persons unlawfully fleeing pursuit by officers; and

WHEREAS, the decision to initiate or to continue a pursuit must not be encumbered by the threat of legal action, when a fleeing suspect is operating a vehicle in a willful, wanton or negligent manner, thereby potentially causing injury to others; and

WHEREAS, the safety of this state's citizens depends upon providing law enforcement officers with the means to perform at the highest capacity, as part of an effective force; officers must be allowed to carry out their duties in an efficient and capable manner, without arbitrary limits being imposed upon them; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a special joint committee is hereby established to study the issues involving the liability and compensation resulting from the pursuit of certain persons by law enforcement officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be composed of three members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly. At its first meeting, the special joint committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers that the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the 99th General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1996, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.